

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17

2 49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 7 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW
12 MEXICO TO REQUIRE VOTERS TO PRESENT AN IDENTIFICATION CARD OR
13 DOCUMENT CONTAINING THE VOTER'S PHOTOGRAPH WHEN VOTING IN
14 PERSON.

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16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

17 Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 7, Section 1
18 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

19 "Every citizen of the United States who is over the age of
20 twenty-one years and has resided in New Mexico twelve months,
21 in the county ninety days, and in the precinct in which [~~he~~]
22 the person offers to vote thirty days, next preceding the
23 election, except idiots, insane persons and persons convicted
24 of a felonious or infamous crime unless restored to political
25 rights, shall be qualified to vote at all elections for public

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1 officers. The legislature may enact laws providing for
2 absentee voting by qualified electors. All school elections
3 shall be held at different times from other elections.

4 The legislature shall have the power to require the
5 registration of the qualified electors as a requisite for
6 voting and shall regulate the manner, time and places of
7 voting. The legislature shall enact such laws as will secure
8 the secrecy of the ballot and the purity of elections and guard
9 against the abuse of elective franchise. No person shall vote
10 in person without first presenting to the appropriate election
11 official an original or copy of a government-issued
12 identification card or document containing the person's
13 photograph. Not more than two members of the board of
14 registration and not more than two judges of election shall
15 belong to the same political party at the time of their
16 appointment."

17 Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution
18 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
19 rejection at the next general election or at any special
20 election prior to that date that may be called for that
21 purpose.